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A COMMISSION

Impowering the Persons therein named, to hear and determine severall Matters and things concerning the Work of Dreyning the great Levell of the Fenns.



W H E R E A S by an Act of Parliament, entituled, An Act for the Dreyning of the great Levell of the Fenns extending it self into the Counties of Northampton, Norfolk, Suffolk, Lincoln, Cambridge, Huntington, and the Isle of Ely, severall Persons therein particularly named, were appointed Commissioners, and thereby Impowred by view or otherwise, as to them should seem meet, from time to time, when and as often as any part of the said Levell, amounting

mounting to the quantity of 30000 Acres or more should be dreyned as aforesaid, to judge the same to be dreyned, and forthwith to give unto William Earl of Bedford, Edward Russel, Robert Henley, and Robert Castle, Esqs; their Heirs and Assigns, upon such Trust as is exprest in the said Act, Seisin and Possession of his and their Proportions of ninety five thousand Acres formerly set forth unto them; And whereas the said Commissioners have, in pursuance of the said Act, at severall times adjudged the said Lebel dreined, and delivered Possession and Seisin of the 95000 Acres accordingly, And whereas, by the said Act, the term of three years from and after the said Adjudication is limited for the said Commissioners to give relief in severall Cases exprest in the said Act, In which time it will not be possible, through the multitude of the Petitions that are dayly exhibited to them, to hear and determine the severall Cases and Complaints of Persons who pretend damage by the Adventurers cutting through their Lands, or to be otherwise relieved within the said Act of Parliament, especially seeing the said Commissioners sit very seldome, And their meeting usually in the Middle Temple Hall, which is a great distance from the Levell, and thereby the Petitioners put to great Expence, and travel, in seeking their relief, Therefore We being willing to provide for the just ease of all persons concerned herein, and reposing Trust and Confidence in the prudence, honesty, and discretion of Sir John Hobbart, Sir Ralph Hare, John Gurdon Esq; Samuel Moody Esq; Tho. Hatcher Esq; James Berry, Esq; Talbot Pepys, Tho. Bendish, Rob. Brewster, Tho. Duckett, John Cleypool Esq; Rob. Viatner, the elder, Tristram Diamond

Diamond Esq; Dr. Richard Stanes, Hen. Ferroure Gent.
 Mr. Joseph Everfden, Captain Moyfes, Mr. Richard
 Timbs, Dr. Syncors, Mr. Robert Robson, Mr.
 Barber of Denver, Mr. Life of Downham, and
 Mr. Robert Carrier of Peterburgh, have Appointed,
 Constituted and Authorized, and by these Pre-
 sents do Appoint, Constitute and Authorize
 them the said Sir John Hobbart, Sir Ralph Hare,
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 ham, and Mr. Robert Carrier, or any six or more
 of them, to be Commissioners to hear and exa-
 mine the Petitions, Complaints, Matters, and
 Things, for which the Commissioners named in
 the said Act can or may by vertue thereof, or
 any Clause or Article therein, give relief, not ha-
 ving been before ordered, settled and adjudged
 by the said Commissioners named in the said
 Act, And either to determine, order and adjudge
 all such Complaints, Matters, and Things, ac-
 cording to the true intent and meaning of the
 said Act, or otherwise to transmit the same or such
 of them as they shall think fit, with the state of
 the Case, to the said Commissioners named in the
 said Act, for their Final Determination. And
 the said Commissioners, or any six of them, have
 hereby Power for executing the Premises to
 meet at the Bell at Ely upon the 20 day of July
 next, And are hereby impowered from time to
 time to adjourn their meeting to such other time
 and place as they shall think fit, and to send for
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and to examine Witnesses upon oath, which any six or more of them have Power to administer to any Person or Persons whatsoever. And such Orders, Directions, and Judgements, as the said Commissioners, or any 6 of them, shall make, in, and concerning the Premises, shall be as effectual to all intents and purposes, as if the Commissioners named in the said Act, had Ordered, Directed, and Adjudged the same. And all Persons are required to give obedience thereunto: And all Mayors, Sheriffs, and other Officers and Ministers, as well Civil as Military, are hereby required to be aiding and assisting in all and singular the Premises. And this Authority and Commission shall continue and be in force untill the 24. day of June, which shall be in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred fifty four, and no longer.

Tuesday June 28. 1653.

At the Council of State at White-Hall,
Ordered, That this Declaration be forth-
with Printed and Published.

John Tburloe Secr.

